

Such lack of penetrative faculty applies not only to the technician but, to an alarming degree, to people in general who, as the result of degenerative descent of mind, ever take thoughts at their surface value. And, as with all things of impulse, the promiscuous actions which ensue give only cause for later regret. Because there is no eagerness for subtler understanding in ^{such minds} them, there is ineptitude for assessing whether a thought or its product will lead to direct or indirect waste or ^{to} highest economy.

But who can comprehend the experience of penetrating the outer walls surrounding his thoughts who does not know that exact knowledge can be more validly obtained by questioning an observation, a problem, a rule, an idea, with such [such] intense concentration and desire to know ~~their~~ meaning, that the questioner becomes the question itself unimpeded by the weight of ego, not merely a questioner out of ~~mere~~